



REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL DISTRICT 10 (Arrow Lakes)

MINUTES

School Board Office

Date: Tuesday November 20, 2018
7:00 pm

PRESENT

TRUSTEES: L. Brekke, M. Teindl, R. Farrell, D. Simon, C. Dixon

STAFF: T. Taylor, M. Grenier, S. Woolf

OTHERS: R. Bardati

1. Call to Order:

M. Teindl called the meeting to order at 6:56 pm.

Acknowledgement of Territory

2. Adoption of Agenda:

Moved by R. Farrell, seconded by D. Simon that the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

3. Adoption of Minutes:

Moved by L. Brekke, seconded by R. Farrell that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 16, 2018 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

4. Presentations:

Nil

5. Disposition of Previous Presentations

Nil

6. Financial Update: (S.Woolf)

a) October 30, 2018 Financial Report (report attached)

7. Questions Regarding Financial:

Nil

8. Reports:

- a) **Chairperson:**
 - i. Report attached

- b) **Education Partnership Committee**
No report

- c) **Parent Advisory Council / Trustee Liaison Reports:**
 - i. Southern Zone
 - BES PAC is meeting on November 22nd
 - EES PAC is meeting on November 28th

 - ii. Nakusp Elementary School (M. Teindl)
 - Report attached

 - iii. Lucerne Elementary-Secondary School (L. Brekke)
 - Report attached

 - iv. Nakusp Secondary School (M. Teindl)
 - Report attached

 - v. District Parent Advisory Council (L. Brekke)
 - Report attached

 - vi. CUPE/Board Liaison (M. Teindl)
 - Report attached

 - vii. ALTA/Board Liaison Meeting (L. Brekke)
 - Report attached

 - viii. Occupational Health and Safety Committee (L. Brekke)
 - Report attached

 - ix. Chamber of Commerce
 - Nakusp: Report attached
 - New Denver/Silverton: Hosting a merchants night on December 6th and Christmas Dance on December 15th

 - x. Strong Start Centres
 - Nakusp Strong Start report attached
 - Southern Zone Strong Start report attached

 - xi. Arrow Lakes Aboriginal Educational Advisory Council
No report

- d) Branch / BCSTA / BCPSEA (M. Teindl / L. Brekke)
 - i) Branch: Report attached
 - ii) BCSTA: Report attached
 - iii) BCPSEA: Report attached
- e) Superintendent/Secretary-Treasurer: (T. Taylor)
 The Superintendent/Secretary-Treasurer Report was presented at the Education Partnership Committee Meeting. A copy of this report will be included as part of the Regular Meeting Minutes.

9. Old Business:

- a) Community Use of School Facilities – Deferred to December meeting

10. New Business:

- a) Review of Bylaw 14, Part 1, Section 6 – Timing of Committee Appointments

Moved by L. Brekke, seconded by D. Simon that the Board of Education for School District 10 (Arrow Lakes) approve the housekeeping of language in Part 1, Section 6 – Timing of Committee Appointments, to read November and December respectively in accordance with the new Elections timelines, as presented.

CARRIED

- b) Interim Committee Appointments

Chair M. Teindl noted that interim Committee appointments have been made in accordance with Bylaw 14. Formalized appointments for the 2019 Committee structure will be confirmed at the December Board meeting.

11. Next Meeting Dates

Moved by L. Brekke, seconded by D. Simon that the Board of Education for School District 10 (Arrow Lakes) change the December Board meeting dates from Tuesday December 18, 2018 to Tuesday December 11, 2018 to accommodate the NES School Christmas Concert.

CARRIED

- a) Education Partnership Committee Meeting: December 11, 2018 6:00 pm
- b) Regular Meeting of the Board: December 11, 2018 7:00 pm

9. QUESTIONS FROM PUBLIC:

Nil

10. ADJOURNMENT:

M. Teindl adjourned the meeting at 7:40pm.

M. Teindl
Chairperson

T. Taylor
Superintendent/Secretary-Treasurer



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Presented by: Shelly Woolf, CPA, CA Assistant Secretary Treasurer

- 2018-2019 Operating Budget – Spent to date \$1,718,901 - 23%**
2017-2018 Operating Budget – Spent to date \$1,832,362 - 25%

Refer to Monthly Expenditure Report - Page 3 (Oct, 2018) and Page 4 (Oct, 2017)
Operating Budget Status – 77% remaining compared to a target amount of 76%

- Operating Surplus - \$1,258,222**

Unrestricted	\$282,722
Restricted	975,500
Total	\$1,258,222

- 2018-2019 Annual Facility Grants Budget and Other Capital Funds**

a) Annual Facilities Grant (AFG) – Operating Grant

Total	\$62,456
Deducted by Ministry for CAMS	(5,316)
Expended to date	(18,252)
Available AFG Operating Grant	\$38,888

b) Annual Facilities Grant – Capital Grant (Bylaw)

AFG 2018-2019 Capital Grant	\$244,547
Expended to date 2018-2019	(126,163)
Available AFG Capital Grant	\$118,384

c) School Enhancement Program Grant (Bylaw) – 3 projects approved, 2 in progress.

	NSS Dust Collector	LESS Dust Collector	NSS Building Envelope Repair	Total
Approved	\$221,110	\$221,110	\$174,600	\$616,820
Expended to date	(140,762)	(5,326)	(-)	(146,088)
Available	\$80,348	\$215,784	\$174,600	\$470,732



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d) Capital Reserve Balances

Sharable (Ministry Restricted) Capital	\$207,089
Local Capital	85,608
Total	\$292,697

e) Youth Trades Equipment – Total 3 Year Program Funding \$368,528.

	NSS	LESS	Total
Approved	\$222,334	\$146,194	\$368,528
Expended to date	(196,971)	(80,091)	(277,062)
Available	\$25,363	\$66,103	\$91,466

4. Sick Leave Cost and Budget: \$42,096 (23%) spent of a \$181,940 budget allocation

The cost to date includes the wage and benefit costs for replacement staffing brought in to cover regular employee's sick time and/or medical appointments.

5. 1701 Data Enrollment – Funded FTE 457.4381 vs 435.4688 last year – increase 21.9693 FTE
Staff is presently waiting for the provincial funding adjustments which are usually released by the government in November.

6. Government & Other Reports Filed

Charity's Return 2017-2018

1530 Data Collection 2017-2018

Fauquier Subdivision Application – Rezoning Application sent to RDCK

Fund : 0 General Operating

0	TITLE	OCT	YEAR TO DATE	ENCUMBERED	FULL YEAR BUDGET	AVAILABLE	PERC
Function : 1 Instruction							
1	Salaries	347,575.11	773,586.89		3,582,016	2,808,429	78
2	Emp. Benefits/Allowances	73,538.94	165,550.41		873,448	707,898	81
3	Services	26,567.98	45,139.10		302,888	257,749	85
4	Services	616.73	1,731.73		21,462	19,730	92
5	Supplies And Materials	21,952.43	37,058.21	300.43	199,031	161,672	81
TOTAL FOR Function - 1		470,251.19	1,023,066.34	300.43	4,978,845	3,955,478	79
Function : 4 District Administration							
1	Salaries	33,334.40	106,496.47		492,475	385,979	78
2	Emp. Benefits/Allowances	3,320.50	13,312.42		96,585	83,273	86
3	Services	13,363.53	90,964.64	2,100.00	212,601	119,536	56
4	Services	17,196.98	26,072.21		18,000	8,072	45
5	Supplies And Materials	4,318.11	11,155.55		63,135	51,979	82
TOTAL FOR Function - 4		71,533.52	248,001.29	2,100.00	882,796	632,695	72
Function : 5 Operations & Maintenance							
1	Salaries	43,912.39	181,760.09		563,335	381,575	68
2	Emp. Benefits/Allowances	9,413.34	37,288.62		145,350	108,061	74
3	Services	2,897.25	18,477.76		24,300	5,822	24
4	Services	993.56	10,396.16		55,500	45,104	81
5	Supplies And Materials	23,116.81	116,417.81	4,464.32	363,668	242,786	67
TOTAL FOR Function - 5		80,333.35	364,340.44	4,464.32	1,152,153	783,348	68
Function : 7 Transportation & Housing							
1	Salaries	20,604.60	47,307.29		203,357	156,050	77
2	Emp. Benefits/Allowances	4,123.10	10,088.85		52,912	42,823	81
3	Services	11,946.37	13,628.29		29,868	16,240	54
4	Services	1,337.82	2,674.37			2,674	
5	Supplies And Materials	6,895.93	9,794.37		84,046	74,252	88
TOTAL FOR Function - 7		44,907.82	83,493.17	0.00	370,183	286,690	77
TOTAL FOR Fund - 0		667,025.88	1,718,901.24	6,864.75	7,383,977	5,658,211	77

Current Year Targets:
 10 month expenses (Fns 1 & 7) 80%
 12 month expenses (Fns 4 & 5) 67%
 Overall Target 76%

Fund : 0 General Operating

0	TITLE	OCT	YEAR TO DATE	ENCUMBERED	FULL YEAR BUDGET	AVAILABLE	PERC
Function : 1 Instruction							
1	Salaries	332,525.59	749,317.51		3,610,154	2,860,836	79
2	Emp. Benefits/Allowances	73,007.08	191,685.75		931,293	739,607	79
3	Services	27,956.12	50,041.83		306,560	256,518	84
4	Services	663.85	1,742.49		23,762	22,020	93
5	Supplies And Materials	47,978.97	65,812.92	2,692.51	196,719	128,214	65
TOTAL FOR Function - 1		482,131.61	1,058,600.50	2,692.51	5,068,488	4,007,195	79
Function : 4 District Administration							
1	Salaries	35,930.84	132,627.44		451,173	318,546	71
2	Emp. Benefits/Allowances	7,036.71	27,151.33		104,001	76,850	74
3	Services	16,525.12	88,259.49		208,801	120,542	58
4	Services	4,622.45	15,442.13		58,950	43,508	74
5	Supplies And Materials	6,461.60	8,805.88		40,812	32,006	78
TOTAL FOR Function - 4		70,576.72	272,286.27	0.00	863,737	591,451	68
Function : 5 Operations & Maintenance							
1	Salaries	42,966.42	170,045.75		549,263	379,217	69
2	Emp. Benefits/Allowances	9,834.57	44,478.02		132,540	88,062	66
3	Services	265.38	6,552.93		33,030	26,477	80
4	Services	8,508.77	18,521.88		58,400	39,878	68
5	Supplies And Materials	50,039.29	164,896.20	7,290.42	367,260	195,073	53
TOTAL FOR Function - 5		111,614.43	404,494.78	7,290.42	1,140,493	728,708	64
Function : 7 Transportation & Housing							
1	Salaries	20,205.11	48,534.77		200,099	151,564	76
2	Emp. Benefits/Allowances	4,349.40	13,127.95		48,540	35,412	73
3	Services	9,594.92	10,843.72		32,219	21,375	66
4	Services		951.38		1,000	49	5
5	Supplies And Materials	13,096.54	23,522.81		90,145	66,622	74
TOTAL FOR Function - 7		47,245.97	96,980.63	0.00	372,003	275,022	74
TOTAL FOR Fund - 0		711,568.73	1,832,362.18	9,982.93	7,444,721	5,602,376	75

BOARD CHAIR REPORT – November 20, 2018

BOARD CHAIR REPORT

-Welcome to the new Board – it will be an exciting new year – I look forward to working with all of you
-I was on a telephone conference with Minister Rob Fleming and Board Chairs on Friday for an update on the Funding formula Review – the document is now in Cabinet

Correspondence:

-a copy of a letter that has been sent from BCSTA to Honourable John Horgan, Premier and Honourable Rob Fleming, Minister of Education, RE: Thank you for Premier awards for Excellence in Teaching
 -one of our teachers, Katrina Sumrall was nominated for this and was one of the finalists
-copies of letters sent to BCSTA or Ministry from other District (these are delivered in the weekly BCSTA update)

DPAC –

-met on October 24
-only 2 parents were there so no official meeting
-still need to find a rep for NSS and hear from Burton and Edgewood for their reps – Dana will look into
-we will meet again in January to hold the AGM

LESS PAC-

-met on November 8, 5 parents present
-AGM held: Chair: Scott Kipkie; Vice-Chair: Julia Greenlaw; Secretary: Catherine Allaway; Treasurer: Sara Wearmouth
DPAC: Sandra Kleiss
-Nick shared events at the school-swimming, Halloween dance put on by student council, K-6 literacy fair, breakfast program, Christmas concert on Dec.20, after school dryland training, 10-12 classes wrote a trial graduation literacy assessment
-fundraising committee shared ideas
-received Rec 6 grant (\$800.00), the Equine Wellness grant (\$900.00), and applying for RDCK discretionary grant for percussion drum program
-next meeting is December 4

OH&S –

-met on November 8
-discussed AED's(at this time no AEDs in schools; district is reviewing the legal and liability issues), CPR training, ID badges for contractors and visitors, training for new OH&S members, and the Employee Health and Wellness focus for this school year
-next meeting is January 24

BCSTA and Branch

-the BCSTA Academy will be held Nov. 29- Dec. 1 in Vancouver with emphasis on new trustees–
-BCSTA and BCPSEA will be holding a joint new trustee session January 25-26 and encourage all trustees to attend
-4 trustees and the Superintendent/Secretary-Treasurer are attending

**November 20, 2018 Regular Meeting
Trustee Report - Melissa Teindl**

NES PAC – October 17, 2017

This was their AGM Meeting. Sandra Watt – President; Megan Ross – Vice-President; Michelle Grenier – Treasurer; Kate Lario – Secretary; DPAC – Dana Hildebrand; Directors - Carlee Hughes, Cat McLean, Cindy Howe. Much of the discussion was with regards to the Hot Lunch program. PAC has been able to offer free soup to all students this term (until Christmas) thanks to Rotary grant and hot lunch orders are up 50 – 80%. PAC is also looking into partnering with a local group to host a Parent information session with Teresa Weatherhead on how to talk to your child about sexual health. More information to come. Next meeting, November 21st at 7:00.

NSS PAC – October 29th, 2018

Remembrance Day Ceremony was held on November 8th, this was led by students and it was nice to see youth being involved. Hot lunch program is a success and seems to be running well. On October 24th Karen Hamling came into serve her last soup hot lunch to students. This has been a tradition of Karen's that the students and Karen have both enjoyed. PAC agreed to buy some yoga equipment to help promote healthy mindset in students as Tori Reed has started a yoga class on Monday's and has had a lot of interest. Next PAC Meeting is Wednesday November 28th @ 5:15pm

CUPE Liaison – October 26th, 2018/Nov 20, 2018

Our October 26th meeting started with a discussion with Tammy Sowinski from OLRC on the phone to discuss DRAFT seniority Structure. We review Pro-d Days and requirements to attend; eServe Time; and General Leave Requests. We also discussed pension, Violence in the workplace, LIF, consultative process and incident reports.

November 20, 2018 – Discussed proposed Seniority Structure, Pro-D Protocol, Crystal presented on Pension Plan Regulations.

Indigenous Education – October 15th, 2018

Have not met since our last meeting but will hold a Sub Committee Planning Meeting for Aboriginal Day on December 3rd

Chambers of Commerce – Nakusp

Since we last met of course the election has occurred and we have a new Mayor as well as new council. Plans for the Christmas Parade are currently being discussed for the first Friday of December.

BCPSEA –

I attended the BSPSEA Symposium in Vancouver November 5th and 6th along with Terry. It was two days jam packed education on Bargaining Best Practices and Working sessions with regards to upcoming bargaining with CUPE as well as Teachers. This was a great pro-d for me personally as well as professionally and I walked away feeling ready to walk into our bargaining open minded. BCPSEA put out a survey for Trustees to complete as a complete board back in September.

NES StrongStart Early Learning Centre November 20th, 2018 Monthly Report

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- As of today, we have 78 students enrolled, and I am waiting on four more to register, but do not have copies of birth certificates or medical cards yet. We just registered three new students on Monday. It seems like every week I have one or two new students.
- NES StrongStart hours are: Monday/Wednesday/Friday from 8:45 - 11:45 am and Tuesday/Thursday from 12:30 to 3:30 pm.
- Our attendance has been very busy for November so far. Our morning sessions are average from 17 - 21 children and 13-16 parents, and afternoons' are very busy 8-15 children and 5-7 parents.
- Our daily schedule consists of free play, arts and craft, clean up, snack, gym, circle time, library time, play and good byes.
- Monday, Wednesday and Friday we have gym time from 10:10 to 10:40 am.
- Pitter Patter is running every Thursday am in the Strong Start room from 8:45 - 11:45 am. Sarah Sanders the CAPC worker facilitate this program. This program is for ages 0 to 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ years of age.
- Halloween party was such a success. We had 35 children and 28 parents attend the party. Families brought a snack to share, we had craft time, gym time and lots of play.
- My themes that I have for the month of November is "Remembrance Day", "Animals and People Preparing for winter". I typically go with the seasons, and of course the interest of the children.
- Terry McLeod and her client will be coming to StrongStart to job shadow me. Her client is interested in taking her ECE. They

will be joining our SS sessions starting Friday November 23, 2018 from 8:45-11:45. They will attend four sessions total on the dates Nov. 23, Nov 30, Dec 7 and December 14.

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Respectfully written by Nancy Bone
November 7th, 2018

November 7th, 2018

SD10 Board Report - New Denver StrongStart

Attendance:

Our morning sessions are averaging between 5-7 families per day and afternoon sessions average 2-4 families per day.

Highlights:

* We have 5 new families who have moved to the area as well as one family who visits us from Slocan.

*We have a high school Big Buddy who continues to visit us every Wednesday to enjoy lunch and playtime with the children.

*Recently, another high school student has joined us as a volunteer on Thursday afternoons. She is keen to learn about Early Childhood Education and create a portfolio of her time with us.

*We are continuing our visits with the K/1 class every Thursday for one hour. Families enjoy getting to know Mrs. Lada and the K/1 class welcomes the children to join in their 'Explorations' play-time.

*Green Thumbs Garden Club has been wrapped up for the season. Children enjoyed making snacks from veggies grown in the greenhouse as well as activities focused on gardening and nature.

Future Plans:

*Heather Broad from the Child Care Resource and Referral will be visiting on Nov. 23rd to bring craft supplies as well as parenting resources for families.

Thanks,

Charlene Alexander, ECE



World Class Learning in a Rural Environment

November 20, 2018

**Superintendent/Secretary Treasurer Report
Presented at the Education Partnership Committee,
and Regular Meeting of the Board of Education**

1. Welcome to our New Board of Education!

- We are excited to welcome our new Board of Education who were sworn in this afternoon as trustees of the Board of Education for SD 10!
- We will be well served for the next four years by all five trustees who comprise the new Board:
 - Danyea Simon, Southern Zone trustee
 - Melissa Teindl, Central Zone trustee
 - Rhonda Farrell, Eastern Zone trustee
 - Christine Dixon-Grout, Trustee-at-large
 - Lora Lee Brekke, Trustee-at-large
- Sometimes the role of the Board is confusing to understand. Though Boards are central to our school districts, the Board's role is governance, rather than operational. One metaphor that the BCSTA has used is that the "Board sets the track, but does not play with the trains".
- The Board works as a corporate Board and their job is to set policy, monitor progress on the District Strategic Plan, provide financial oversight, ensure student success, and advocate for the school district and K-12 public education – a very big job, and a very important one!
- Trustees will attend a New Trustee Orientation session on Thursday this week, engage in the BC School Trustee's New Trustee Academy November 29 - December 1, attend BCPSEA New Trustee sessions January 24-25, and regional BCSTA Learning Forums April 11-12
- Many thanks to the previous Board of Education who has served the district and our learners so very well over the years! We wish you the very best, and are grateful for your leadership!

2. November Enrollment notes – Marginal Enrollment Increases!

- Current enrolment at our schools is up again slightly this month with five more students registering in our schools since October 2018 – growing rather than declining enrollment!
- We have also gathered Early Learning data from our Strong Start Centres which currently indicate that Kindergarten enrollment for next year is projected at 8 learners in New Denver, 21 at NES, 2 at EES and 7 at BES – solid enrollment stability and slight growth for the 2019-20 school year
- Below is the monthly enrolment chart by school and grade:

My Education BC: Student Enrollment Numbers

Grade:	Gr.K	Gr.1	Gr.2	Gr.3	Gr.4	Gr.5	Gr.6	Gr.7	Gr.8	Gr.9	Gr.10	Gr.11	Gr.12	TOTALS	Oct	Dif
ALDL	2	2	6	1	3	3	4	3	1	2	0	5	8	40	37	3
BES	3	3	4	2										12	12	0
EES	1	1	1	1	1	0	6	2						13	13	0
LESS	8	8	7	3	11	6	12	8	7	4	7	5	5	91	88	3
NES	25	12	16	26	22	21	27	24						173	174	-1
NSS									21	32	28	20	23	124	124	0
TOTAL Per Grade	39	26	34	33	37	30	49	37	29	38	35	30	36			
District Total														453	448	5
Notes:	Grade not applicable to school															

3. Experiences Canada Exchange for Edgewood and Nakusp Elementary students

- Excellent news! Our intermediate Grade 6/7s at EES and Grade 7s at NES have been selected for an Experiences Canada exchange with a school in Rawdon, Quebec, north of Montreal
- Teachers Sean Johnston, Leslie Leitch, and WKTEP teacher candidate, Alison Bloom will be chaperoning the SD 10 students' visit to la belle province in February, with the Quebec students coming out west in late May; planning has already begun for this terrific exchange opportunity!
- All expenses are covered by the exchange program with the exception of \$100 in registration per student and local exchange costs; the district will help support and schools will fundraise
- Many thanks to Vice Principal, Brent Cook, for his tenacity and leadership in applying to the program and supporting our students in a wonderful exchange of culture, history and learning!

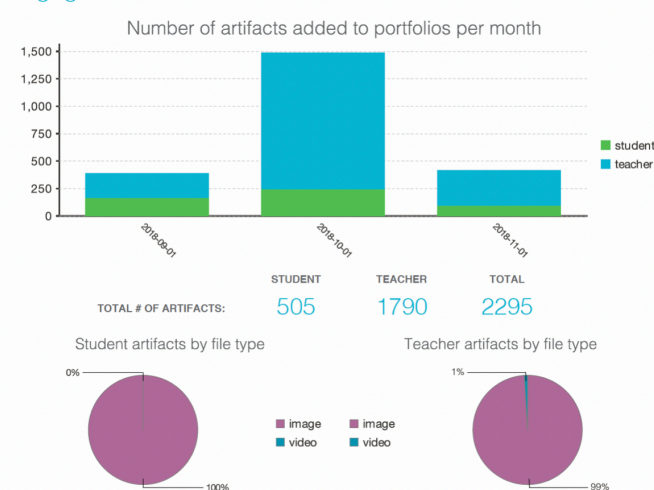
4. Further NGN Upgrade in Summer 2019

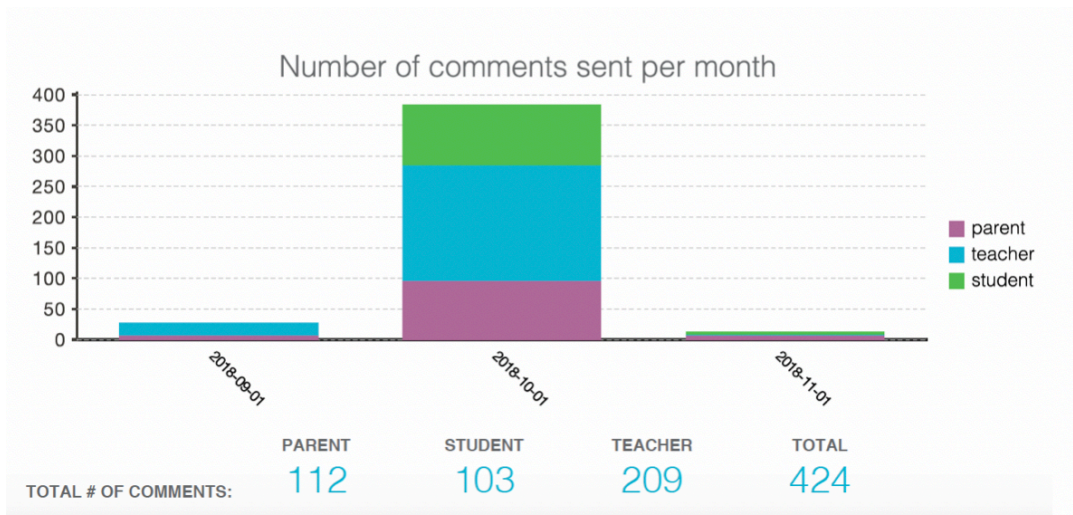
- Upgrades to the district's New Generation Network Internet infrastructure has been scheduled by the Ministry this summer
- This will result in improved security, better stability, and variable speeds (slower Internet when not in use and faster when in use)
- Most costs to upgrade the servers and other hardware will be covered by the Ministry – the last mandated upgrade three years ago was mostly at district cost, so we are happy for the support!

5. Ministry of Education K-9 Reporting Pilot Update

- As one of our four "Points of Progress" in the school year approaches, the traditional ways of communicating student learning are looking quite different in SD 10 and the 13 other pilot school districts than traditional report cards.
- These changes align with research that shows that student success increases when they are more deeply engaged in assessing their own learning and setting and monitoring their own goals for learning
- At Lucerne in Grade 7-12, students have been actively gathering evidence of their work, self-assessing and setting learning goals and then co-writing their own report cards along with their teachers. Principal Nick Graves is really pleased with the honesty, depth and quality of the students' communication and self-reflection.
- At NES and EES, Fresh Grade continues to be a solid foundation for regular, ongoing communication with parents about their children's learning. Teachers use this digital portfolio platform in ways customized to fit their class. They share student work, gather parent feedback about their child's learning, and have students self-assess their progress in learning.
- Below are some of the Engagement data from Nakusp Elementary since September:

Engagement





What is evident in our Fresh Grade engagement data in the schools using the platform across the district, is that the digital portfolio is allowing for regular, more frequent and ongoing feedback on students' learning. Seeing the high numbers of both parents and students commenting on student learning also shows that parents and students are engaged in learning along with teachers. Research shows that this kind of student and parent engagement in learning improves student success.

6. Graduation Literacy Assessment Pilot at NSS and Lucerne

- Students at both secondary schools in Grades 10 and 11 participated in a pilot of the new Graduation Literacy Assessment last week along with many other schools across BC
- The Ministry is piloting this new assessment of literacy, as come 2019, there will be new numeracy and literacy performance-based assessments for Grades 10-12 students required for graduation
- Specifications on the new GLA can be found on the Ministry of Education website: https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/sites/curriculum.gov.bc.ca/files/pdf/Graduation_Literacy_Specs_Spring_2018.pdf
- Our teachers and principals report that generally students enjoyed participating in the assessment and that they received excellent feedback online on how to improve their literacy skills after completing the assessment.
- Both the literacy and numeracy assessments are not connected with specific courses (as the previous provincial exams) but rather assess these foundational skills across many disciplines as is common in the real world.

7. Regional Early Learning meeting – November 5th in Creston

- Director of Learning, Lorna Newman, along with preschool teachers, Strong Start Coordinators and Kindergarten teachers from across the district attended a regional session on Early Learning transitions
- The Ministry of Children and Family as well as the Ministry of Education are coordinating resources to better support transitions between child care and preschool, StrongStarts, and Kindergarten as research indicates that students are more successful in K-12 as a result
- A revised draft Early Learning Framework draft for 0-8 year olds has been developed and was shared at the regional conference: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/early-learning/teach/earlylearning/draft_early_learning_framework_2018.pdf
- Key elements in the new framework include the aims to “contribute toward reconciliation through implicitly and explicitly honouring indigenous authorities; connect with BC Curriculum and Core

competencies; articulate a vision of inclusion, use Pedagogical Narration as a process for reflecting on knowledge and understanding of childhood”

- The framework is also expanded to age 8 or Grade 3, whereas the 2008 framework was 0-5 years

8. Lucerne teacher honoured with CBEEN Environmental Education Award of Excellence

- Intermediate teacher Katrina Sumrall from New Denver’s Lucerne School was in the spotlight again on October 19th when she was presented with an Environmental Education Award for her relentless pursuit of environmental education for our school district’s children



Read more about Katrina’s award at <http://cbeen.ca/local-educators-take-home-awards-at-national-conference/>

Edgewood Elementary teacher, Erika Momeyer, 2016 recipient of the CBEEN EE Award of Excellence, presented her Lucerne School colleague, Katrina Sumrall, with the prestigious award

9. Kootenay Boundary Environmental Education initiative wins national award at EECOM

- On October 20th on the traditional territory of the Ktunaxa nation at St.Eugene’s, our six regional East and West Kootenay/Boundary school districts were honoured with the *Outstanding Organization for Environmental Education Award* by the Canadian Network for Environmental Education Network and Communication
- Superintendents, Assistant Superintendents and Directors of Learning from SD 5, 6, 8, 10, 20 and 51 collaborate as the KBEE or Kootenay Boundary Environmental Education Network to support environmental education across the region
- Coordinated by the amazing Duncan Whittick from CBEEN, and supported by the Columbia Basin Trust, the KBEE has worked for the past three years, and
 - Supported 7500 students (almost half of the classrooms in the region) in the Take Me Outside for Learning Challenge where students and their teachers go outside for learning at least once per week through the school year
 - Supported regional Environmental Education Leadership Clinics, and teacher-led EE Provincial Specialist Associations across all school districts in the Kootenay Boundary region
 - Created a website <http://kbee.ca> featuring short films, an online Inspiration Handbook, and other learning materials to inspire environmental learning
- Our KBEE network is now embarking on researching the impact of environmental education on student learning and well-being

10. Columbia Basin Plays \$20,000 grant funding awarded

- With many thanks to the efforts of Mike Hibberson, NES/BES/EES Principal and Lorna Newman Director of Learning, the district has successfully been approved for a \$20,000 Basin Plays grant
- Aimed to improve physical literacy, mental health and well-being through increasing opportunities for our learners to learn to walk, hike, dance, swim, ski, snowshoe, canoe, rock climb, boulder, and play golf, the funding will provide professional development for teachers and rich outdoor learning experiences for our learners!